

**Sermon Title: “Action (Go For It)”**  
**Joshua 3: 15-16; 2 Corinthians 5: 7**  
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**Scripture Passage**

**(Joshua 3:15-16 CEB): 15 When the priests who were carrying the chest came to the Jordan, their feet touched the edge of the water. The Jordan had overflowed its banks completely, the way it does during the entire harvest season. 16 But at that moment the water of the Jordan coming downstream stood still. It rose up as a single heap very far off, just below Adam, which is the city next to Zarethan. The water going down to the desert sea (that is, the Dead Sea) was cut off completely. The people crossed opposite Jericho.**

**2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV): For we walk by faith, not by sight.**

**Sermon Summary**

Some of us may struggle with keeping the faith, even those of us who have been Christians a long time. Developing our faith requires steps: (1) **Waiting** which gives you time and space to develop, (2) **Praying** as a way of strengthening our faith, (3) **Thinking** which provides the foundations for actions and motivation, and (4) **Acting**, moving in the direction of our faith. **Acting** is the focus of this message.

Here is how you **Act** in the direction of your faith.

1. Take the first **STEP**. Don't wait for the "waters to part," don't wait for the perfect time to step. The first step may be the hardest but it is necessary for you to get where God is leading you. In Joshua 3, the priest who carried the ark to the first step into the water.
2. **STAND** in the middle. Most people quit not at the beginning or end but in the middle of it all. The middle seems to be the toughest place. But like the priest who stood still in the middle of the Jordan, we too must continue to stand as we confront what we often face in the middle that may lead us to give up.
3. The final action is to **STAY** the course. Keep stepping up and stepping out on faith.

**Reflection Questions**

1. When you feel God calling you to move, do you find it difficult to take the first step? Why or why not?
2. In what areas does your faith need to grow?
3. What is the first step you need to take to strengthen your faith and move in the direction God is calling you to go?
4. Who were your models of faith growing up? Who are your current models of faith?
5. Most of us are familiar with the scripture, "for we walk by faith and not by sight." In what ways do you find it difficult to live this out? In what ways have you found living it out easy?